

**Town of Somerset Parks and Recreation Committee  
Minutes for Monday January 4, 2010  
Somerset Town Hall 7:00 pm**

**Call to Order:** Lenny Germain called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Present: Lenny Germain, Bill Lawson, Paul Boerger, Russ Hultman, Jean Hoffman;  
absent John Gunther

**Approval of Agenda:** motion by J. Hoffman to approve, R. Hultman seconded. All approved

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (December 7, 2009):** motion by P. Boerger to approve, B. Lawson seconded. All approved

**Public Input:** See below

**Discussion Areas, Activities, and Actions:** Park at 45<sup>th</sup> Street and 180<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Prairie restoration: Jim Reimer, Wildlife Biologist from the USFWS Private Lands Program was present to talk about the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. Reimer shared information about grassland /wildlife habitat restoration for the park, and provided a fact sheet, sample project plan, and sample habitat development agreement for review (3 attached). In 2006 he and Virginia Gaynor did a prairie inventory on the parcel (attached).

Reimer estimated that approximate total costs for the project (before assistance from funders) would be \$65.00 acre for seed, \$35.00 acre for chemical application, and \$35.00 acre to drill the seed. Tree/brush removal is about \$2,000.00.

(30 acres x \$135.00=\$4,050.00+\$2,000.00=\$6,050.00)

(20 acres x \$135.00=\$2,700.00+\$2,000.00=\$4,700.00)

According to Reimer, two pools of funding are available: USFWS and North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA) funds. WDNR may help with funding. More about funding and funding partners will be known after the meeting at the site on Jan. 14.

According to Reimer, the USFWS will inform adjacent land owners several weeks in advance of a burn; the actual burn date is determined by wind direction and other factors. Somerset Fire/ Rescue Dept. would like to work with USFWS on a controlled burn at the park, possibly this spring.

**Other Business:** Topics for articles on the park and publication dates were considered.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Special meeting Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 12:30 Park and 45<sup>th</sup> and 180<sup>th</sup> Ave. ; Regular meeting Monday February 1, 2010 at 7:00 pm Somerset Town Hall

**Adjourned:** 9:30 pm

Submitted by J. Hoffman